## **HOUSE BILL 1045**

## By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to workers' compensation.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(g)(2)(D)(ii), is amended by designating the existing language as (a) and adding the following language as subdivision (b):

(b) If an aggrieved party has requested administrative review, the aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal such administrative review de novo to the circuit or chancery court in the county in which the employee resides or in which the alleged injury occurred within ten (10) days from the issuance of the final order; provided, however, if the employee resides outside of the state and the injury occurred outside of the state, the appeal shall be to the circuit or chancery court in any county where the employer maintains an office. If an aggrieved party appeals a final order pursuant to this subdivision (g)(2)(D)(ii)(b), the commissioner shall be prohibited from assessing a penalty pursuant to § 50-6-238(d) until the resolution of such appeal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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